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LOK SABHA

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TWO TIER AGRICULTURE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated or sanctioned any new scheme for the welfare of farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government have sanctioned the two tier agriculture scheme, foodgrain export subsidy and export insurance account as proposed in the past;

(e) if so, the scheme-wise amounts sanctioned; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): A number of schemes are being formulated & implemented by the Department to ensure maximum benefits in terms of increased agricultural productivity and production and consequent increased prosperity of farmers. Assistance is given to farmers under various schemes.

Under Risk Management, Department is implementing National Agriculture Insurance Scheme (NAIS), Farm Income Insurance Scheme (FIIS), Minimum Support Price (MSP), Market Intervention Scheme (MIS), as a safety nets for farmers.

A number of schemes like Macro Management of Agriculture, On Farm Water Management for increasing Crop Production in Eastern India, Technology Mission on Cotton, Technology Mission on Coconut, Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States including Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh & Uttaranchal and Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm & Maize (ISOPOM) are being implemented, under which assistance given to farmers for various component.

Horticulture has been identified as thrust area for focused attention. Department has proposed to launch National Horticulture Mission (NHM) & National Bamboo Mission for augmentation of horticultural production & to generate employment opportunities to improve livelihood of farmers and Micro Irrigation for Promotion of drip & sprinkler irrigation for increasing the water use efficiency in dryland areas.

Some of the recently approved schemes are as follows:-

1. Gramin Bhandaran Yojana.
2. Development of Market Infrastructure, Grading and Standardisation.
3. Extension Support to Central Institute.
4. National Project on Organic Farming.

(d) to (f): A new foodgrain export policy is being formulated. It is at an advanced stage of consideration in the Government of India. The details and incentives under the scheme are yet to be finalized.